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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-15, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for protecting against unauthorized use of software (1), whereby a first wireless device (2) exchanges data (5) directly or indirectly with a process (4) running the software on a computing system (3) and the process (4) runs incorrectly or in an error condition if the exchanged data contain errors.

2. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the replacement of the data 5 takes place via infrared or radio signals.

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the first device (2) has a display on which the software license data for the use of protected software (1) can be displayed.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to one of the ClaimsClaim 1 to 3, characterized in that the first device (2) is a mobile telephone, a PDA, a hand-held computer, a wristwatch or a combination of these.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to one of the ClaimsClaim 1 to 4, characterized in that the first device (2) saves or changes software license data in a transaction and this transaction data is transmitted or received via a direct or indirect telephone connection.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to one of the ClaimsClaim 1 to 5, characterized in that the first device (2) saves or changes software license data in a transaction and this transaction data is transmitted or received via a direct or indirect Internet connection.

7. (Currently Amended) A device according to one of the Claims Claim 1 bis 6, characterized in that the first device (2) saves or changes software license data in a transaction and this transaction data is transmitted or received via a direct or indirect connection to or from a second wireless device (7).

8. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~one of the Claims~~ <u>Claim</u> 1 ~~to 7~~, characterized in that the first device ~~(2)~~ saves or changes software license data in a transaction and this transaction data is transmitted or received via a direct or indirect connection to or from a PC.

9. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~one of the Claims~~ <u>Claim</u> 1 ~~to 8~~, characterized in that the first device ~~(2)~~ saves or changes software license data in a transaction and this transaction data is transmitted or received via a direct or indirect connection to or from a dongle ~~(6)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 9, characterized in that the dongle ~~(6)~~ is connected with a PC.

11. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 9, characterized in that the dongle ~~(6)~~ is connected with the first ~~(2)~~ or second device ~~(7)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 9, characterized in that the dongle ~~(6)~~ is a smart card, a SIM card or a USB device.

13. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~one of the Claims~~ <u>Claim</u> 1 ~~to 12~~, characterized in that the first device ~~(2)~~ can be connected to a PC or a second device ~~(7)~~ via a plug connection ~~(8)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 13, characterized in that the plug connection ~~(8)~~ is a USB or FireWire connection.

15. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~one of the Claims~~ <u>Claim</u> 1 ~~to 14~~, characterized in that the wireless device ~~(2)~~ has an indirect connection via a security chip with the process ~~(4)~~ installed or mounted in a fixed manner in the computing system ~~(3)~~.